

# COKE TRADE IS MORE ENCOURAGING, BUT STILL FAR FROM SATISFACTORY.

## The Selling Agency Movement

### IS CHECKED FOR PRESENT

By Conditions Arising From Threatened Strike of Coal Miners—Small Upward Trend of Prices.

The coke trade shows signs of improvement. Production remains the same, but there is reason to think it is overproduction in some instances. Shipments show a slight gain and prices have taken an upward trend. Upon the whole, the situation may be summed up as encouraging. The threatened strike of the miners in all the union districts outside some figure in the situation. Such a strike would result in the demand for coal and coke exceeding the supply, a condition which would mean a marked advance in the prices of fuel and perhaps the shipment of coal from the Connellsville region at figures which would make the coke business for the moment of secondary importance.

These conditions have served to check the movement looking toward a central selling agency for the handling of the output of the open-market operators and that movement is just now somewhat halted. It is understood that the 6,000 ovens desired to justify the establishment of the agency have not yet been secured, but the committee having the matter in hand are not despairing of ultimate success. The members meet again in Pittsburgh this week to consider the situation.

The relation of production to shipments indicate that there is some stocking of coke on the yards, but that must necessarily be limited. In spite of the reported contracts with outside regions, it is evident that the trade generally is still buying its fuel at the same old stand. The outside "contracts" were probably confined largely to short orders. Out of a total of nearly 40,000 ovens, less than 3,000 are out of commission; production is upwards of a half a million tons weekly and shipments aggregate approximately 15,000 cars during the same period. For the purpose of avoiding stock coke, which many of the yards are now not built to hold, a number of the plants are running but five days per week, and some only four days. So far as volume is concerned, trade is in a very satisfactory condition, with prospects of further improvement now that some new buying has started. This buying will doubtless be further stimulated if the optimistic hopes of the iron and steel makers are realized, but those hopes do not carry with them any consolation for the operators who think Connellsville coke ought to sell for \$3. The iron interests hold to a fixed ratio between pig and coke. It was formerly 8 to 1, but since coking coal has become more valuable the ratio has been set at 7 to 1, and some sliding scale contracts on this basis have been offered to operators. With pig iron at \$17 to \$18 it is not hard where to figure the furnace limit, but it is worthy of note that coke is now selling well below that limit. Conditions which make the coke operators think of mergers.

## COKE IN CANADA.

Nearly One Million Tons Were Manufactured Last Year.

The total coal production in Canada in 1909, comprising sales and shipments, colliery consumption and coal used in making coke, is estimated at 10,886,311 short tons, valued at \$25,194,572.

The total production of oven coke in 1909 was about \$75,035 short tons, valued at \$2,557,147, being a slight increase over production in 1908. At the ovens of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, at Sydney, a quantity of imported coal was used, the supply of domestic coal being insufficient on account of the strike. The Antikokan iron company, at Porth Arthur, uses imported coal exclusively. At all other ovens Canadian coal is used. At the end of the year there were in Nova Scotia 670 ovens in operation, 64 idle and 120 buildings. In Alberta 255 were in operation and 40 idle, and in British Columbia 787 in operation and 753 idle. The ovens of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company are of the Otto-Hoffman by-product type, and there were recovered as by-products 4,016,531 gallons of tar and 3,351 short tons of sulphate of ammonia.

## The Appearance Of High Grade Foundry Coke

An ideal foundry coke must be high in fixed carbon, 92 to 94 per cent, low in ash, 5 to 7 per cent, and sulphur must be below one per cent.

There is another item to be considered regarding coke which is equally as important as any of the above requirements, and that is cell structure. This feature is referred to by some manufacturers as "burden carrying" qualities and by others as having a "high crushing power." This means that the coke is hard in structure, thus enabling it to carry a large weight of iron in the cupola without crumbling.

The best foundry coke is known as 72-hour coke, and if the analysis and cell structure are right, the coke will be hard and flinty, and when handled will have a sharp, metallic ring, while the poorer grades will have a dead, soft sound, more like soft sandstone.

The 72-hour coke described above should have a white crystalline appearance, and when you break a large piece it should have this same white appearance clear through. It is better as a rule if it be coarse, but there is some very good coke small in size, but exceptionally hard and flinty in cell structure, which made up for the difference in size.

## ORGANIZING CLASSES

In Mining Under Y. M. C. A. Auspices in Westmoreland.

Secretary T. B. Dilts, of the Greensburg office of the State Y. M. C. A. Mining Department, accompanied by E. W. Whipple, one of the field secretaries of the Greensburg committee, were at New Alexandria, Friday afternoon, looking over the situation for the organization of a mining class. The prospects in that line of work are very good there and the movement will start before long.

Supt. Clark of the New Alexandria Coal & Coke Company has shown great favor for the work, and will give his aid in that direction. Secretary Dilts will return there within a few days to note the progress of the movement for the class.

Westmoreland Banner One.

In the Nineteenth Bituminous district the Westmoreland Coal Company is the banner producer with an output of over 2,000,000 tons. Westmoreland county mined 7,209,137 tons compared to Allegheny's 711,063.

Morgan Dominates.

W. E. Hazen, a well known financial writer of New York, says that the Morgan interests now fully dominate United States Steel Corporation affairs, and that it is a big aid to the Morgan banking interests.

## THIS YEAR'S OPENING IN THE COKE TRADE.

January and February Show an Increase of 1,793,192 Tons and 50,604 Cars of Coke From Both Regions over the Similar Period of Last Year.

In spite of the report that a number of furnaces had contracted for coke for the first half of 1910 in the "twilight zone" regions at low prices rather than pay the demands of the Connellsville operators made during December averaging well up to \$3 per ton, the figures indicate that the production of the Connellsville region has kept up remarkably well, and in this respect is in healthy contrast with the heart-breaking conditions of a year ago.

In production and shipments all records have been broken with the opening of this year. During the months of January and February of this year the total production of coke in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, according to statistics compiled by The Courier, amounted to 1,713,666 tons, as compared to 2,378,374 tons in January and February of 1909, or an increase of 1,793,192 tons.

Comparing the shipments made in the months of January and February of 1909 and the same months in this year there was a marked improvement. During the two months mentioned

last year the total number of cars of coke sent out from both regions was 79,201, while the shipments this year in January and February have totalled 129,850 cars, an increase of 50,649 cars. The most significant feature of this large growth of shipments is discernible in the fact that while the shipments are larger the cars used this year are also much greater in capacity.

This fact makes the comparison of the two periods of shipping of much more importance than if the cars used at both periods were of nearly or the same capacity as had been in use for some years.

But with last June there began to enter into the region the big Pennsylvania railroad all steel cars in large numbers with a capacity of 40 tons or more of coke, when a year before that the average carrying capacity of the steel cars and old fashioned wooden cars would have been placed at a generous average of 25 tons each. Through this greater carrying capacity the output of the ovens has been pretty adequately cared for, and the

high rate of increasing production that the operators have maintained during the last several weeks has been kept pretty well in sight.

Since this time last year the aggregate number of coke ovens in both regions has increased by 1,248 ovens, last year there being 35,297 ovens altogether and this year 36,545 ovens available. Of this number the greater proportion of increase in blast was shown to be in the Connellsville region, where 8,075 more ovens are in blast at present than during the similar week a year ago, while in the Lower Connellsville region, there are 5,568 more ovens in blast than last year.

The larger growth in the number of ovens available for coking makes the increase in the Lower Connellsville region where the year saw 1,055 more ovens than the year before, while the total increase in the Connellsville region was 150. These increases were caused by new operations principally, aided by the rehabilitation of a large number of old ovens that had been considered to be out of service.

## LARGEST PRODUCTION

Of Pig Iron and Steel in History of the Trade.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

The current month will probably see the largest production of pig iron and steel in the history of the trade, with pig iron being made at the rate of close to 22 million tons a year, against a maximum rate of 23 million tons reached in 1907, and not as much as 20 million tons made in any calendar year. A new record in actual production has been made, the 12 consecutive months ending February showing 27,000,000 tons, the best output previously in 12 consecutive months being 27,000,000 tons, in the 12 months ended October, 1907.

The minor fluctuations in demand for steel products expected in the past three months do not affect production for the steel interests had plenty of business accumulated about the middle of February there has been a progressive improvement in specifications against old contracts, and in new business, although bookings are still not up to production. To put the industry in entirely satisfactory position will require a large increase in orders for pipe and wire, which are being held in account of jobs being so well filled and being unable to distribute on account of adverse weather.

Each week gives further support to the prediction that 1910 will be an enormous tonnage year, with many minor ups and downs, and a great change in the level of values, but of late it has appeared more certain that the general trend of the crude materials, subject probably to minor reactions, will be slightly downward.

For the foundry iron for second half delivery in the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, \$16.50 delivered Pittsburgh, or \$16.75 and \$16.85 at the respective furnaces, and \$16.75 delivered Cleveland, or \$16.50 at the respective furnaces, were done. The Pittsburgh prices were slightly below those lately ruling for early delivery, while the Cleveland prices were a trifle above prompt prices.

Exaggerated reports have been circulated regarding car orders and inquiries. Inquiries amount to 12,000 or 15,000 cars. The car shops entered the year with four to six months work ahead.

## The Coke Market Improves.

### ALL VIEWS ARE BRIGHTER.

Producers Are More Firm. While Consumers Appear Much More Ready to Do Business.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURGH, March 16.—The market shows a clear improvement all along the line, and the position is better than at any time for several weeks. The views of producers are much stiffer, while consumers appear much more ready to do business.

When it comes to analyzing the situation one cannot proceed with the same confidence as in presenting the facts which lie on the surface, for the market at present is subject to a variety of influences, some of them undercurrents. There is the influence of sellers having gotten over their scare of a few weeks ago, when they allowed prices to crumble so rapidly; the influence of the reports that the move to establish a central selling agency has met with serious snags; the influence of the threatened suspension of coal mining in the union districts, and the resultant boosting of all fuel prices; and, lastly, the influence of a tendency towards lower prices for pig iron. Some of these influences are favorable and some unfavorable, but upon the whole the coke market has improved in tone. It is, however, far from satisfactory to operators.

Sales of furnace coke of good grade have been made for March and April delivery, 3,000 tons at \$2.15 and 8,000 tons at \$2.10, prices which are very good considering the temper of the market a week or two ago. Most sellers hold prompt coke at higher prices, up to \$2.25, or possibly above this.

The large inquiry for second-half coke already reported as in the market is still there, with little prospect of coming to a head soon. The furnace coke, of course, need the coke if they operate. Their inquiries are usually for furnace requirements, so that it is not necessary for them to be sure they are going to operate, but it would appear that at the moment they are chiefly interested in obtaining information. Producers, on the other hand, are not disposed to sell for second-half at going prices, for the possible developments in the next few weeks are of such a nature that they will cause higher prices if they exert any influence at all. The chief of these is the possibility of a suspension of mining in the union districts; and, while the trade is more or less at sea in endeavoring to make prognostications, it is certain that the popular impression is that the expectations of a suspension are materially greater than they were a fortnight or a month ago.

While it is not easy to quote prices in such a market, the following may be regarded as minimum open figures for good grades:

Furnace coke, nearby.....\$2.10-2.25  
Furnace coke, second-half.....\$2.25  
Foundry coke, 72-hour prompt.....\$2.00-2.10  
and nearby.....\$2.00-2.10

## TREE PLANTING ON FRICK LAND.

Several Thousand New Trees Will Be Set Out This Spring.

## THOUSANDS ARE NOW GROWING

Reforestation of Mined Out Lands Begun Under Direction of Superintendent James Lynch Will Be Increased.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company which has been practicing the reforestation plan of some of their worked out coal lands, conserving them with young woodlots, and growing their own pit posts and ties which will come into use within a few years, will further extend these operations during the present year.

James Lynch, superintendent at the Valley works of this company, near Scottsdale, started the work about three years ago on what is known as the Lawyer tract, made up of several farms on the Connellsville road between Pennsville and Scottsdale. There are about 200 acres of land there planted to forest trees, nearly 100,000 of them now growing nicely, and comprising oak, chestnut, catalpa and English larch.

These have been growing for three years and each spring additions are made to the forests there. This year the plan will likely be extended to other lands of the Frick concern. Between 50,000 and 60,000 little trees will be planted in the Lawyer tract this spring, the tract being one from which coal is being mined for use at the Valley works, and which is well adapted to the forestry idea.

All farmers of the company are encouraged to grow trees, and many of them will attend the demonstrations to be given in Westmoreland and Fayette counties next week, by experts from the State Department of Agriculture. These men will be at Greensburg and Scottsdale the middle of the week.

When the Frick company started their tree planting they had an expert from the Forestry Service come to inspect their lands, and suggest the best trees to grow there and which would prove most valuable for the uses of the big coal and coke company. The ex-

## THE STATISTICS SUMMARIZED.

For the week ending Saturday, March 12, 1910.

Districts	Ovens	In.	Out.	Total
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L. Civilian	14,770	13,752	1,018	15,768
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SHIPMENTS.

Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending Saturday, March 12, 1910:

To Pittsburgh	4,327
West of Pittsburgh	3,048
East of Connellsville	825
Total	8,200

Shipments Previous Week:

To Pittsburgh	4,401
West of Pittsburgh	3,027
East of Connellsville	868
Total	8,296

[For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.]

pent spent several days in the neighborhood and went thoroughly over the proposition, which was handled by Mr. Lynch in a very excellent manner.

The United States Department of Agriculture through the Forest Service gives practical assistance to landowners in establishing commercial forest plantations, shelterbelts, windbreaks and snowbreaks, and in reclaiming shifting lands and other waste lands by forest planting. It has been the Department's design to establish forest plantations of the highest possible usefulness and value to the owners, and to afford object lessons in correct methods of forest planting, and to encourage artificial extension of forest growth in regions where the public welfare demands a greater forest area.

In forestry there may be much of a reclamation of worked out coal lands, these plans and their carrying out entailing no cost upon the government. The Frick company is the leader in this matter in the region, and coal companies in other places are also interested in the growing of timber lands.

A Miners' Day.

Charleroi expects to have a big labor celebration on April 1, plans being on foot for a Miners' Day, celebrating Charleroi's twentieth anniversary. W. R. Gaut, A. W. Day, G. L. West, J. B. Schaefer, G. S. Night and J. W. Carroll have charge of the arrangements.

Coal Transfer Made.

Robert F. Whitmer of Philadelphia, trustee for D. E. Notley, has sold to T. V. DeBodua, representative of the Gates Coal & Coke Company of Pittsburgh, 3,700 acres of coal and 1,700 acres of surface in Blair and Cambria counties, for \$750,000.

Prosperous Mining Outlook.

Coal operators of West Virginia prophesy that during 1910 more coal will be mined than ever before. A number have already doubled their output. Sixteen new mines are to be opened in the southeastern part of the State.

To Develop Coal Tract.

The Verner Coal Company is developing a tract of coal land in Cecil township, Washington county.

## ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS UP WELL.

Stockholders Cordially Endorse the Policies of Pittsburgh Coal Company.

## COKE FIELDS GROW WELL

President Taylor Says Prospects for Coming Year Are Exceedingly Good. Attitude of Operators Against Wage Increase, and Sees No Difficulties.

The annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Coal Company was held at Jersey City last week. The annual report of the company was received favorably by the stockholders, and the policies of the management cordially endorsed by the unanimous reelection of retiring directors to serve another year. The meeting was largely attended, 400,000 shares out of the 550,000 odd outstanding being represented personally or by proxy.

President M. H. Taylor in addressing the stockholders said:

Prospects for the coming year are exceedingly good and the company expects to get 10 to 15 cents more a ton this year than last.

Contracts with the coal miners in the Pittsburgh district expire on April 1 and a demand for an increase has been made. The attitude of the operators, however, is against any advance and I do not perceive any serious difficulty.

Our output is divided as follows: Twenty-five per cent. to Pittsburgh steel companies; 25 per cent. to the railroads; 30 per cent. to the lake markets; and 20 per cent. for Pittsburgh steam purposes. Our contract with the United States Steel Corporation is at a low price of a sliding scale, based on wages, but it was the best priced business last year.

Our coke fields are becoming more valuable owing to the great consumption of coke, and they will be needed by the big coke consumers before long. We will probably consider parting with these properties at the right price some time in the future and, in the meantime, while they are a source of profit to us, netting \$105,000 last year.

The coke production in terms of 2,500-pound tons during the 10 years follows:

Year	Production
1901	30,004
1902	32,581
1903	37,750
1904	47,787
1905	119,842
1906	219,121
1907	329,490
1908	429,067
1909	456,432
1910	484,903
Total	2,252,195

## A PERMIT GRANTED TO INSPECT A MINE

Somerset Farmer Seeks Court's Aid in Finding Out How Much Surface is Over Coal.

SOMERSET, March 15.—A petition has been filed by Jesse Crist and Sarah Crist of Jenner township, asking Judge Keoser to make an order permitting them to inspect Mine No. 4 of the Queenshilling Coal Company in order that they may ascertain whether sufficient surface support is being left in accordance with a reservation in a deed.

Mr. and Mrs. Crist sold their farm of 250 acres in Jenner township to S. H. Cantfield of Johnstown in April, 1907, and Mr. Cantfield subsequently transferred the property to the Queenshilling Coal Company of which D. B. Zimmerman is President.

In both deeds there were reservations of sufficient coal to support the surface of Crist's farm. The petition sets forth that on last Thursday Crist had an engineer undertake to enter the mine to determine whether the company was leaving sufficient surface support, but were denied admission by the company's policeman. The petition prays that the court make an order permitting Crist and his engineer to inspect the mine.

Freepoint Coal For Coke.

Interest continues to increase in the Freepoint coal which persists continuously from the Allegheny valley almost to the valley of the Great Kanawha river. Prof. F. T. Aschman of Pittsburgh says from his analysis the Upper Freepoint is the better for coke.

At Atlantic City.

Walter H. Glasgow, secretary to General Superintendent W. H. Claggett of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Scottsdale is spending a few days at Atlantic City for the benefit of his health.

Mining Classes Grow.

The Frick mining classes are growing steadily.

## NECK BROKEN BY FALL.

Mike Hulman, Veteran Frick Man, Meets Death at Collier's Works.

Mike Hulman, aged 47, assistant yard boss at Collier's works, sustained a broken neck that ended his death in a few minutes on Tuesday. Hulman was placing the cars for the coke drawing machines when the accident occurred. Steam from the oven completely enveloped a loaded car and as the empty car on which Hulman was riding collided with the other, he was thrown headlong. He struck the bottom of the car on his head and before medical aid arrived he had breathed his last.

Hulman, although of foreign parentage, was born in the United States. He had been employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company for the past 27 years and was considered one of the most faithful employees of that company. His widow and two children survive.

Pleaded Guilty.

William Jamison of McDonald, until recently employed as a fire boss in the Manifold mines, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of violating the mining laws. He failed to make the examination and post notices before the miners entered the mine. He was fined \$1 and sentenced three months to the Washington county jail.

Brennan Expected Home.

John P. Brennan, President of the Connellsville-Thompson Coke Company, is expected to arrive at his home in Scottsdale tonight from Hot Springs, Ark., where he took Mrs. Brennan a week ago for her health.

## Amount Paid to Railroad Employees in the United States During 1908.

From the railroads of the United States have been gathered figures showing the total amount paid to their employees in the year ended June 30, 1908. These figures, not made public until now, are the same which the railroads have submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission and which will appear later in the commission's report.

Most of the year ended June 30, 1908, was a "panic period." The amount paid to labor was \$1,025,137,552, a decrease of only 3.14 per cent. from the high record of 1907, and an increase of 9.5 per cent. over 1906. Gross operating revenue decreased \$195,295,359 or 7.51 per cent. from 1907. The relatively small decrease in the amount paid to employees is due to the fact that the rate of wages on the railroads was not cut after the 1907 panic. The figures now gathered show the

increase in the proportion of labor cost to gross operating revenue and to operating expenses, as follows:

	1902	1907	1908
Percentage of labor cost to gross operating revenue	38.2%	40.1%	41.1%
Percentage of labor cost to total operating expenses	39.5%	61.3%	62%

The amount paid to employees in the year ended June 30, 1908, was \$4,517,730, a decrease of 3.4 per cent. from 1907 and an increase of 1.75 per cent. over 1906; to firemen \$50,717,325, a decrease of 3.29 per cent. from 1907 and an increase of 12.8 per cent. over 1906; to conductors \$55,479,055, a decrease of 0.66 per cent. from 1907 and an increase of 14.3 per cent. over 1906; to other trainmen \$97,156,690, a decrease of 2.52 per cent. from 1907 and an increase of 16 per cent. over 1906.

## To Let Western Maryland Contracts Latter Part of March, President Says.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—President E. F. Bush of the Western Maryland railroad says that contracts for construction of the extension from a point near Cumberland, Md., to Connellsville, Pa., will not be let until the latter part of this month; also that three surviving parties at a new engaged locating the line.

According to reports from along the route, contractors are already investigating it and preparing to submit their bids as soon as the engineers have finished staking the line, which will be about March 20.

The work is to be done looking to the laying of two tracks at some time in the future, although at first only one track will be laid. The grades will be as low as possible, and the new line will be built in a thoroughly up-to-date manner for the hauling of heavy trains. There will be one tun-

More Coke Ovens.

The Dilworth Coal Company plans to begin the building of 200 coke ovens near Rice's Landing within 90 days. Bids have been received on a washer and crusher to cost \$65,000.

Revival of Rumor.

There has been a revival of the rumor that the Pennsylvania railroad is going to lease the Norfolk & Western railroad.

Miners Pay Was Large.

The pay of the miners from California to Lock No. 4 in the Fourth pool last week reached approximately from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

## THE RECORDS FOR OUTPUT BROKEN.

Three Hundred Wagons of  
Coal a Day Are  
Hoisted at

FRICK'S STANDARD SLOPE

Cars For Shipments Are Not Plenty.  
Acme Plant Has to Blow Out Ovens  
As There is No Room For Enough  
Diggers.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

**MT. PLEASANT, March 16.**—The uplift in the coke trade prophesied for April first is having confirmation here in the brisk volume of production that marks the operations of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. Although their production of coke has been very large and without decline during the past several weeks, they have been running to only about half their actual capacity.

This week sees a boom in coke making, however, and now at Standard plant all records are being broken for hoisting coal. Yesterday at the Standard slope 300 wagons of coal were hoisted, while for the two weeks previous the average number of wagons hoisted each day was only 180. At present there are 62 diggers at work compared with 35 for the week previous.

Cars for shipping coke are still at a premium in this part of the country, but never before in the history of the region has business been better here than now.

Lack of room for men to work in their Acme mines has compelled the Runney interests to out their list of active ovens at that plant down to 260.

They banked their works at Alverton a few days ago owing to some difficulty with the superintendent and some workers on the wage question.

### CONNELLSVILLE REGION NOTES.

Walter Fortney, bookkeeper at the Crystal Supply Company's store, accidentally shot Robert Martin, an employee of the Crystal Coke Company, in the store at that place, Friday night. They were monkeying with a gun. Fortney having it when he accidentally discharged it, the ball passing through the calf of Martin's leg.

Charles Blystone, who is employed as a carpenter for the H. C. Frick Company, at Greensburg, was mixed up with a belt saw, and when the smoke cleared it was found that the index finger of his right hand was badly lacerated.

The Frick Coke Company have placed electric lights in their stable, supply house, carpenter shop, lamp house, fan house and engine house at Oil Point.

Joseph C. Brownfield of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's office at Scottsdale is doing jury duty at Greensburg this week.

William Brock, who has been employed at the Alice mine near Fayette City, has moved to Connelville.

The Anchor Crushed Coke Company has been chartered with a capital of \$100,000. The incorporators being C. W. Wilson, J. P. Cox, J. D. Stahl, C. F. Goldstrom, Christian Richard and W. H. Richard.

The Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Company has let the contract for the building of 25 additional ovens at the Greenwood plant near Brownsville. The company will then have 90 ovens available.

Superintendent W. S. Ramsey has appointed K. Edward Lesmon to fill the vacancy caused by Samuel Adams resigning as his boss, says a Hammondville correspondent.

President Willard of the E. & O. railroad says that the company will be able to show big results from the money spent for equipment in a few months.

Many miners are writing to the U. S. Geological Survey asking for the bulletin on the use of permissible explosives, and 20,000 copies have been ordered printed at Washington, D. C.

C. E. Miller, et al., has sold a tract of coal in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, to the Whyel Coke Company for \$500.

A deed has been recorded in Greensburg for the transfer of a tract of coal land in Derry township from Catherine A. Hughes, et al., to the Latrobe Connellsville Coal & Coke Company for \$24,215.

J. H. Patton, an extensive coal and coke operator of Greensburg has a number of rare campaign documents of the early fifties which are interesting to students of politics.

Coal companies and all owners of coal will have an opportunity to appeal on their assessments in Westmoreland county at the court house at Greensburg, Thursday, March 24.

A patent, No. 949,250, for an apparatus for watering coke ovens has been granted to W. L. Affelder and Mark Gorton of Brownfield.

Harvey C. Barbel has been appointed postmaster at Fairbanks, Fayette county.

Giovanni Nerio, aged 30 died at the Cottage State hospital, Connelville, on Wednesday, from having his skull fractured by a piece of slate falling in the Allison mine.

Ira Riser employed at the Nellie mines at Vanderbilt, had one of his

hands crushed while coupling two coal wagons last week.

Superintendent Wilkins of the Semat-Solway coke plant at Dunbar is driving a five-passenger tourist automobile, the finest in that town.

William McKelvey, a P. R. R. brakeman of Youngwood, while shifting empty cars in Youngwood yards Monday was thrown from the top of a coke hopper and one knee cut wide open from striking a sharp timber.

D. C. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent of the Pittsburg division and Superintendent of the Southwest division of the P. R. R., gave a talk on the company's book of rules at Youngwood on Monday.

### NOTES FROM OTHER REGIONS.

Paul C. Mansfield has been appointed western manager for the Bixler Coal Company of Pittsburg, and is located in Indianapolis, Ind.

The leading blast furnace operators of Sharon say that the furnaces of the valleys have enough orders to keep them going for months.

Edward Sopitt, for three years, superintendent of the Ocean Coal Company's mines at Harbison, Westmoreland county, has been made general superintendent of the Jamison Coal & Coke Company, with headquarters at Greensburg. Mr. Sopitt will be succeeded at the Ocean mines by Philip Simmons, superintendent of the United Coal Company's Edna No. 2 mines.

It is announced in connection with the building of coke ovens by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation that the contract for this work has been secured by the Dillor-March Company, with headquarters at No. 50 Church street, New York City. It is further stated that plans are being formulated for the organization of German interests of a corporation of many millions capitalization for the development of the coke and by-product industry in the United States.

The Penwood miners, near Meyersdale, went out on strike last week on account of not receiving their pay the Saturday before, but the difficulty was fixed up.

The property of the Haws Coal Company at Holosoppe, Somerset county, has been purchased by Samuel O. Walker of Philadelphia, who is acting as the representative of capitalists of that city. The holdings consist of some 800 acres of land, upon which there are two openings.

H. F. Braddock has been appointed chemist of the Jamison C. & C. Company at Greensburg. Mr. Braddock was formerly connected with the Fuel Engineering Department of the Arthur D. Little, Inc., laboratory at Boston, and with the testing laboratory of the Consolidation Coal Company.

W. F. Elwood, chief chemist of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company, delivered a lecture at the Huff building, Greensburg, March 3, at the monthly meeting of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company's Mining Institute. His subject was "Gases Met With in the Bituminous Coal Mines." He was assisted by Oscar Wender. Live rats were used for the purpose of showing the exact effect of the poisonous gas upon life.

George F. Walter of Jenner, has brought suit against the Somerset Coal Company to recover \$5,000 for injuries sustained while employed in the mine of the company at Jenner No. 3.

Application has been made for a State charter by a new coal company to be known as the Belmont-Quehoning Company and to operate in the Jenner field. The incorporators are Wilbur A. Marshall, Wharton S. Elden and Walter F. Ainsworth, all of New York. It is stated that the concern has acquired a large acreage of valuable mineral lands carrying the "B" and "C" Prime seams of coal.

Nearly 50,000 bushels of coal sunk in the Monongahela river at Lock No. 3 Friday when the steamer Clyde, towing four barges, ran into the lock wall. Part of the coal can be recovered.

Peter Marino, an Italian miner employed in the Reicks Coal Company mine near Monongahela, died at the hospital Friday afternoon from injuries received several hours earlier through the premature explosion of a blasting charge.

## The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to  
Saturday, Mar. 12, 1910.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
230	230	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
86	86	Acme	Fern Coke Co.	Uniontown
272	272	Adelphi	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
292	292	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
104	104	Alverton No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Alta No. 1	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar
307	307	Bazely	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
35	35	Bethany	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Blaine	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
96	96	Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
306	306	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Brush Run	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
290	290	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
37	37	Carbony	Keystone Coal & Coke Co.	Greensburg
40	40	Central	Fedco-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	230	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	54	Chertow	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Claire	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
126	126	Clarksburg	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dunbar
130	130	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
208	208	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
308	308	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crookland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
323	323	Dawson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Dexter	J. R. Stauffer & Co.	Scottsdale
280	280	Dunbar	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
40	40	Dunn	Dunn-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	218	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	30	Enterprise	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
186	186	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
31	31	Franklin	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Franklin	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
105	105	Grace	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	150	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Maestown
30	30	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Homes	Stauffer & Willey	Scottsdale
100	100	Humphrey	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	230	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Juniata	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
306	306	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500	Leasburg No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500	Leasburg No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500	Leasburg No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
308	308	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
327	327	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	350	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Lima	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Lima	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Lodge	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
306	306	Malone	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar
500	500	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
108	108	Marquette	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	25	Marion	Marion Coke Co.	Idol, Pa.
30	30	Marshall	Northern Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	100	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Mr. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
100	100	Mt. Pleasant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Greensburg
40	40	Mullen	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
196	196	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
42	42	Meyer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
329	329	Nellis	Brown & Cochran	Dunbar
230	230	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
430	430	Oliver No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	205	Palmer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
469	469	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
35	35	Pennville	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
15	15	Perry	Perry Mining Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
180	180	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
446	446	Raidstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
496	496	Reveries	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	30	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
110	110	Sem-Solway	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
30	30	Shirley	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
448	448	Shoof	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	230	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
232	232	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
235	235	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
151	151	Southwest No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dunbar
901	901	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Stirling No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	150	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Sunshine	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Thomson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
56	56	Tip Top	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Tyone	American Coal Mining Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
350	350	Union	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
351	351	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	230	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
322	322	Whitner	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Winn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500	York	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	241	Yountstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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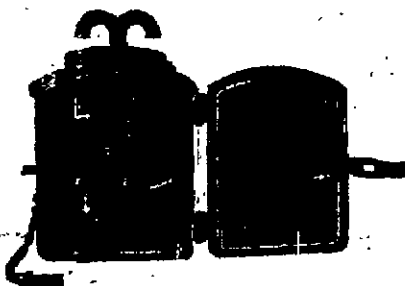
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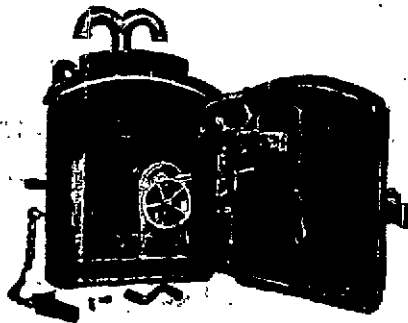
## The Perfected Telephone For Miners a Life Saver.

The accompanying illustrations are views of newly developed telephone sets designed especially for use in mines. This apparatus is the result of many months of careful experimenting and testing on the part of expert engineers. The announcement of this new apparatus comes at an appropriate time, as the many disasters of the past year in underground shafts have focused attention upon the problem of safeguarding life in the mines.

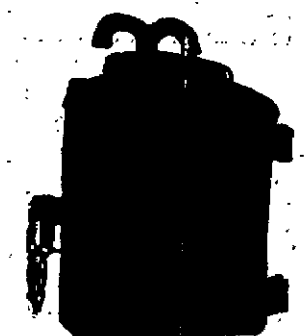
Working in co-operation with mine operators and officials, the Western Electric Company in the design of this new equipment has been careful to meet all the requirements of mine service. The quality standard of the "Bell" telephones, all of which have been made by this company, has been observed in the design of these new mine sets. The telephones are of two types, No. 336-E, a metal set, and No. 337-E, a wooden set.



Three views of the metal mine telephone are shown in the accompanying illustrations. The wooden sets possess the same general features of arrangement and operation. The cut demonstrates the compactness and convenient arrangement of these telephones. All of the apparatus inside the case is accessible, yet at the same time it is carefully protected. The parts are easy to get at with a screw driver. No soldering tins or torches are necessary in maintenance work. The line wires to these sets may be brought in either at the top or the case or at the bottom. A feature in the wiring of the sets when connected to the line from the top is the curved connector shown in the illustrations. This connector prevents water and moisture from following the wire into the apparatus. It will be readily seen that as the wires come down to the set they make a curve into the connector.



so that the moisture will drop from this point and not follow the wire into the set. When the line wires are brought into the bottom of the set the curved connector is not necessary, and the opening for it is closed by a suitable plug provided for the purpose. The gongs used with these telephones give a loud, clear ring which can be heard a long distance in the mine. They are protected by a hood, so that it is impossible for a falling body to injure them or interfere with their action. Each set is equipped with the No. 15 type 3-magnet generator, recognized



as the most efficient hand generator for telephone use on the market. Transmitter and receiver are of the familiar "Bell" grade type. Windings of receiver, ringer, induction coil and generator have been especially treated to protect them from acid fumes, gases and moisture.

That coal mining is the most hazardous industry in America is a statement that has often been made. The telephone, though nothing new for mine use, has recently been urged as imperative for proper protection against fires and has always been found an invaluable aid to the conducting of business in the mines. The new tele-

phones are important in that they represent a development through many tests and applications in the attempt to arrive at the complete instrument.

## Coke Rates Injunction Is Granted

BUFFALO, March 16.—Judge Hazel, in the United States Circuit Court here on Saturday, handed down a decision granting a temporary injunction to local iron and steel interests, restraining railroads which carry coke from the Connellsville mining district from raising the rates on coke contracts.

The local iron and steel men claim-

ed that the rate had been raised in the interests of Pittsburgh and Indiana competitors. The injunction stands until the entire subject can be threshed out before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In his decision granting the injunction, Judge Hazel said:

In my estimation there is force in the complainant's claim that their customers and the good will of their business in the community, affected by the proposed schedule rates, may be diverted to their competitors in trade or positively destroyed and that existing contracts for the supply of iron and steel in construction work would only be carried out at great pecuniary loss, and on the other hand the defendant can be protected from loss or damage by a bond of indemnity to secure the advances in the payment of the increased rates if the commission shall decide that such increase is reasonable and just.

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## The Lower Connellsville District

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Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
32	22	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
32	22	Anika	Rams & Wiley Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Ananyra	John R. Carothers	Uniontown
32	22	Adanson	Yonahville Iron & Steel Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Bricklayers	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Brier Hill	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
32	22	Century	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Colonial No. 3	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Cyrilla	Rocks Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donald No. 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Donald No. 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	22	Donat	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 1	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 2	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 3	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 4	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 5	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 6	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 7	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 8	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 9	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 10	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 11	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 12	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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32	22	Donat No. 55	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 56	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 57	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	22	Donat No. 58	Donat Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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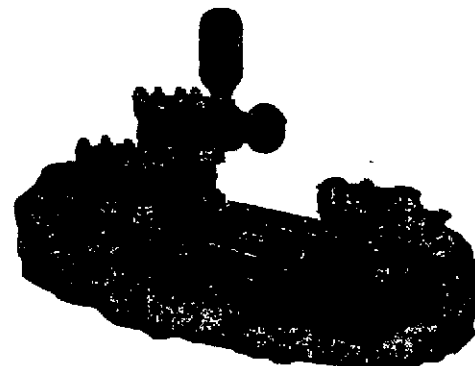
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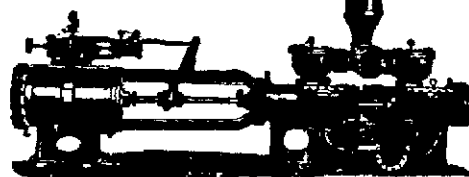
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### COAL ASSESSMENTS IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

The Westmoreland county coal assessments, as finally revised by the County Commissioners, are considerably higher than those of any of the other bituminous coal producing counties of southwestern Pennsylvania, and perhaps justify the Westmoreland coal operators and other holders in appealing to the courts for redress.

The coal assessments may or may not bear a just relation to the ratio of other property assessments in Westmoreland county. If they do not, they are not fair in Westmoreland county; if they do, they are fair nowhere else. This unfairness, however, may be theoretical rather than practical. The State no longer levies a direct tax on land. It is supported largely by taxation on the despised and persecuted corporations. If, however, it were different, and the State tax on land were say five mills, the Westmoreland county coal operators, for example, would have to pay double the State taxes assessed against the Fayette county coal operators. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that it was just such a tax that led to the universal undervaluation of realty by Pennsylvania assessors.

If valuations in Westmoreland county are high, the tax rate should be correspondingly low. If, for example, property in Westmoreland is assessed at double the valuations in Fayette county, it will require only half as much millage in Westmoreland county to raise the same amount of taxes as it does in Fayette.

The danger of this condition, however, lies in the fact that it doubles the opportunity of local officials to impose taxation, and where the opportunity is afforded to spend the money of other people the temptation to do so is too often too great to be resisted by weak and venal men entrusted with public authority.

### THE WESTERN MARYLAND AND GREATER CONNELLSVILLE.

The Connelville people have an abiding faith in the future of their town. That faith is not a mere dream, not an exuberant fancy, not a frenzied vision. It is a faith founded upon the natural advantages and resources of Connelville as an industrial center; a faith which has always withstood the shocks of adversity and the assaults of jealousy; a faith which has already found substantial fulfillment and which promises the early future to find much more; in short, it is a faith built upon the Rock.

The advent of the Western Maryland railroad, the immediate construction of which is announced, will in itself under present plans add materially to the employment, the population, the business and the wealth of Connelville, to say nothing of the added impetus it will give to the establishment of additional industries here. Already such industries are knocking vigorously at our door, and they are being cordially received by our active Chamber of Commerce.

The policy of this body has been more businesslike than most organizations of this character. The directors have shunned publicity concerning their negotiations. They do not believe in hunting with a brass band. They have made very little noise in the outside world. The Connelville people must not think that they are indifferent to the public interests, or that they are not earnestly promoting them. They are actively on the job and they are entitled to all the faith we have ever had in the town's progress. Every industry which presents itself to their consideration is not desirable nor possible. It takes time to investigate and negotiate. Many industries will perhaps call before one is chosen.

But that we are destined soon to have new industries in Connelville on an extensive scale is not to be doubted. They are on their way. The accepted time is at hand. The town is getting ready to take a long step forward.

### THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY.

In the history of Fayette county no Grand Jury has ever made such sweeping recommendations of county improvements as that jury which finished its labors on Saturday afternoon. It sets the seal of its official approval on the proposition to sell the Poor Farm with its valuable Connelville coal underlying, and to add sufficient thereto to build new and modern and sufficient quarters for the indigent and the criminal classes, and for the enlargement of the present court house to meet the requirements of county government under the law relating to counties having a population exceeding 150,000.

It is estimated that these improve-

ments will cost \$750,000. The Poor Farm contains about 160 acres, if we are correctly informed, and is held at \$4,000 per acre. The record price of Connelville coal is \$3,000, but there have been no sales for several years because there has been no coal for sale. It is practically all held by operators save this tract. It is, therefore, possible that the authorities may be able to sell it at the figures set up on it. If so, the county would have a fund of something over \$600,000 to make the contemplated improvements, and would be under the necessity of emitting a very small bond issue to make up the deficit. Fayette county is abundantly able at this time to finance the proposed improvements if its proper authorities can consummate the coal sale on the terms indicated.

The people generally demand enough room for convenient transaction of public business, and with the addition of the Orphans' Court and the coming of a Controller and other new county officers, a considerable addition to the court house is an absolute public necessity; a new almshouse is demanded in the name of Humanity, and a county workhouse in the name of Justice.

The first step, however, is the sale of the Poor Farm. Is \$4,000 per acre bid? Who'll buy?

### RAILROAD REGULATION OF RATES AND WAGES.

The settlement of the threatened strike of Baltimore & Ohio trainmen through the mediation of the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Labor Commissioner is highly gratifying to everybody and sets a good example to other contending interests.

It also suggests the propriety of extending Government Regulation of certain corporations to the regulation of wages as well as of rates. Through the Interstate Commerce Commission the Federal Government has undertaken the regulation of rates which the railroads may charge to shippers and passengers. If the railroads must increase the wages of labor they must in most instances increase the rates of carriage. The power that attempts to regulate rates should also regulate wages to the end that the revenues and expenses of railroad operation shall bear a reasonably profitable relation to each other and the interest of innocent stockholders be not impaired or confiscated.

If, with so good a purpose as that which aims to protect the public against extortion, the Government assumes the right to dictate the prices which any corporation may charge for its services or its products, it must also assume the responsibility of protecting those corporations from the exactions of others from the losses which may result from natural and proper increases in the cost of operations.

In the case of labor disputes such as the one under consideration it is peculiarly proper and fitting that the same public officials who pass upon the reasonable character of freight rates shall pass upon the reasonable character of wage demands, since they bear an intimate relation to each other.

### THE BOSS ROBBER OF THE METER TRIKE.

Youngwood's natural gas meters ran amok last month and reduced the citizens to the necessity of protecting themselves against their piratical attacks by a united and unanimous protest to the gas company, coupled with a refusal to settle their bills until proper correction of the same had been made.

After investigation it is reported that the company agreed to make proper adjustment of its bills.

This action on the part of the gas company is a remarkable admission in all the history of the natural gas industry in this country, inasmuch as it is nowhere recorded that a natural gas company has ever admitted that a natural gas meter has ever gone wrong.

And yet there are abundant reasons for thinking that there is today in the whole length and breadth of the nation no greater fraud, no bigger liar, no more brazen thief, than the natural gas meter. The meter tribe are many and their sins are numerous, but the natural gas meter is the Boss Robber.

### DAMAGE SUITS FOR MALPRACTISE.

Without meaning to reflect in any manner upon the merits of a case now pending in the Fayette county courts, it is not out of place to say that a suit for damages against a physician for malpractice should resolve all doubts in favor of the defendant.

The presumption of innocence should be with the medical practitioner even though it is contrary to the legal presumption in civil cases. The doctor is not permitted to practise medicine until he has been certified as a competent man in his profession under authority of the State. That certificate is prima facie evidence of his skill, and should stand as such until disproven in a direct and positive manner.

It is past human skill to always make a correct diagnosis of human ills. Therefore, the presumption must be that the medical practitioner has acted upon reasonable judgment, even though that judgment may subsequently prove to be erroneous, unless it can be shown by an overwhelming array of expert evidence that the diagnosis has been grossly and inexcusably wrong.

The faithful attention of the physician upon his patient is also a matter which should be presumed, and it should not be gained unless it can be shown beyond reasonable doubt that the physician has been guilty of wilful and palpable neglect.

In the determination of this question the relation of physician and

patient should be considered. The relation is unusual. When a physician undertakes the care and cure of a patient he assumes the character of a soldier on duty, and he may not relinquish his watchfulness for one moment.

But the physical endurance and professional engagements of a physician have their limitations. His private business demands a share of his attention. It is, therefore, his responsibility and just privilege to intrust his patients, temporarily at least, to the care of another physician, who in such cases must assume all responsibility.

Above all, it should be remembered that physicians are only human, and when they have exhausted all reasonable efforts; when they have put forth their best ability, an ability which has been certified officially as ordinarily competent; when they have not wilfully neglected their patients, they should not be subject to the trouble and cost of prosecutions for malpractice, especially when such prosecutions smack of speculation.

If any other rule of law is established, the result must be a broad invitation to a brood of harpies to bleed the medical profession to such an extent that the practice of medicine will become unpopular and the human race may suffer largely in consequence.

### THE CAPTURE OF MURDERER SMITH.

B. Frank Smith, the man who deliberately shot and killed his father and his brother-in-law, near Fairchance, was two weeks ago, was captured yesterday beyond Morgantown and lodged in the Fayette county jail. The Commonwealth will demand that he be tried at the present criminal court (Indictments having been found against him by the Grand Jury last week).

The story of Smith's wanderings as told by himself shows how readily a man with a price upon his head may walk unnoticed on the thronged streets of the towns while the countryside is being scoured and all the haystacks are being searched.

The special organ of Sheriff Johns lays great stress on the alleged fact that Smith spent several days in Connelville. The evident purpose of the organ is to stir, surreptitiously and with malice, against the authorities that the mud island slenters were asleep on the job, not having eyes to see the picture printed on the handbills offering a reward for the capture of the murderer. It may be true that Smith did not have so much fear of capture here in Connelville as he is reported as saying, because it was here that he shaved off his beard and mustache, and otherwise disguised himself, and because here he was but little known if at all.

It will be remembered, however, that he says he came into Uniontown before this time, walked the public streets and went even unto and upon the steps of the jail with intent to give himself up. The Sheriff and his men were either themselves asleep at the time, or they were joyriding over the county in that handsome automobile of the Sheriff's. As a criminal-catcher this whizz-wagon has been useful at times, but it was not a bit better than the mud island police force in this particular case.

Some rather ill-natured criticism is made of the County Commissioners because they declined to hand out the reward offered for the capture of Smith at the moment of demand. The Commissioners have only followed custom and common business prudence in postponing payment until proper proof of claim is established. The rewards in the Youngstown kidnapping case were not paid until months after the recovery of Willie Whida and the arrest of the kidnapers. Smith has himself outlined his defense. It will probably be insanity. If he cannot all the defense he could make under the testimony as known. It will bring forth the old and untested question where murderous malignity ends and insanity begins. In that twilight zone between bloodthirsty cruelty and mental instability many crimes are committed.

The defendant should have a fair and impartial trial, however, and this he will be sure receive in the Fayette county courts.

### THE FOLLY AND INJUSTICE OF A STATEWIDE STRIKE.

The proposition of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor in session at New Castle, Pa., that the union labor of the whole State enter upon a sympathy strike for the assistance of the Philadelphia traction workers, will it is safe to say not meet with unanimous approval in the ranks of labor.

Conventions such as those which passed these resolutions do not represent very much more than their individual delegates. The rank and file of union labor is not consulted regarding these drastic declarations, nor are they always permitted to have a voice in still more drastic actions. Labor leaders are wise and unwise, and the unwise majority too frequently rule.

It seems to us, for example, that the threat to call out all union labor in Pennsylvania if the Philadelphia traction managers do not accede to the demands of their employees is worse than folly, to say nothing of its rank injustice to all other interests.

### THE BIGGEST NEWSPAPER "CEP ONE."

The Uniontown Herald indulges in the pleasant little fiction that it has "the largest and best circulation ever enjoyed by any newspaper, either daily or weekly, in Fayette or three or four of its adjoining counties."

This reminds us of the two colored lads who were reading the gaudy posters announcing the coming of the circus, "Sep. 1."

"Greatest show on earth," spelled out one laboriously.

"Died 'tain't said the other.

"The Uniontown Herald may be all it claims for itself in Uniontown, but outside of that village its circulation is the greatest in this and some adjoining counties. "Cep one."

The Courier is that one exception. It has from 50 to 100 per cent. more circulation than any of its contemporaries, and it is the only paper that proves its statements by actual figures.

It is published on Mud Island, where the Young sometimes rages magnificently, but it doesn't base its claims to effective publicity on High-Water Mark circulation, but upon everyday annual average circulation, the kind that abides and counts.

### CORPORATE EDUCATION OF LABOR.

Corporate education of labor is growing in favor. The movement of the H. C. Erick Coke Company in the Connelville coke region is not exclusive. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has established a school at Altoona for the higher education of its shop apprentices with a view to fitting them for promotion in the company's service.

This new corporate policy is primarily aimed at more efficient service, but it is not devoid of a humanity which we have been taught to believe was not a part of the corporate make-up.

"Corporations have no souls," it is true, but they have managers who are just as human as anybody else; and, customarily they are keen-sighted and far-seeing.

The West Virginia gas monopoly will do more for the people than anything else, and when it is all done the people will pay the bill.

The press telegram saying that the police are responsible for the Philadelphia riots must be received with several grains of allowance. The police are charged with maintaining order and are endeavoring to discharge honorably their obligations. The people who defy the law are responsible for the Philadelphia riots, not the people who are trying to uphold it.

The Morgan valley is smoking up again after a long clear spell.

The bite of the switch-frog sometimes means death. This particular species of frogs are dangerous enough to be approached with caution.

Connellsville is willing to compromise with Dickerson Run by taking the Western Maryland shops and permitting Dickerson Run to have the yards.

The cooking business is not without its daily dangers both inside and outside.

It has been officially decided that, "I don't remember," don't go any more to bankruptcy court. A bankrupt must not be wrongly bankrupt in memory when he is being examined concerning the causes of his failure and the progress of his assets.

Horse thieves are operating among the coke plants where auto flesh of a valuable sort may be picked up by bold buccanniers provided the mules don't buck too much.

The Uniontown Herald says it depends whether upon politics nor sensationalism for its circulation. A careful analysis of this statement leads us to the conclusion that it is perhaps correct. The Herald deals in little else but politics and sensationalism, but for its circulation it depends largely upon the credulity of the public, and it might be added, it does not lean alone in the meantime. The reader continues to open book upon book with reference to its circulation claims.

The Cochran Coke Company has been dissolved, but there are other Cochran companies remaining, and the name will no doubt remain as long as Connelville coke is made.

The B. & O. bridge builders don't allow any more of the gas pipe air work while it is under construction.

The West Penn will connect West Newton with Civilization.

It is reported that Scottsdale is trying to run the Westmoreland Traction Engine straight through to that point, cutting Connelville out as a stopping point. Scottsdale is of the opinion that Connelville is a progressive town, but there is always the possibility of knowing that it is so close to Connelville as to reflect its prosperity.

The Fayette Orphans' Court is an orphan all right so far as its quarters are concerned.

The Courier inadvertently did a serious injustice to the memory of Mount Pleasant's inventive genius George Walters when he married, but his wife deeded him the fact of the marriage. His life and made him a recluse. The law may give the owner a wide margin of his modest estate, but justice would not.

How men would like if their wives struck for an eight-hour day!

This is the last day for the Ground Hog to make the most of it. From this time on the Comet will be the attraction.

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## B. FRANK SMITH CAPTURED ON WAY TO GIVE HIMSELF UP AT UNIONTOWN.

Lewis Fee and M. M. Malone Recognize Murderer Near Little Falls, W. Va., and Smith Surrenders Quietly.

SMITHFIELD, March 14.—George W. Campbell, Wm. Mayfield, Samuel Wilson, G. M. Grimm, H. O'Neil, Jas. Low, H. S. Walls, Wm. Younk, Lawson Havener of Jerry Post, G. A. R. of this place, assisted by Aaron Hinkle and W. F. Kennedy of Will Stewart Post of Uniontown, laid to rest the remains of William Brant at Maple Grove Cemetery at Fairchance Saturday. The deceased was in the 30th year of his age. He had served his country in two wars, the Mexican and Civil war. It is said there is now only one survivor of the Mexican war in Fayette county.

"Freeman" Brant was born in old Virginia. He entered the Mexican war from Alexandria, where he was following his trade of blacksmith. At a request that he had frequently made he was buried in the honors of war. G. W. Campbell, C. M. Grimm, Hiram Grimm and H. O'Neil composed the firing squad; William Mayfield, the color bearer, dipping the colors over the grave after each volley.

SMITHFIELD, March 13.—Stanley Smith, brother of B. Frank Smith, arrived in town this morning. With A. J. Smith he consulted Attorney T. P. Jones. Indications point to the entire family standing by Smith during his trouble.

The reports that Smith spent much time in Connelville and promulgated the main thoroughfares of the town are erroneous. Smith was hardly more visible in Connelville than he was on the jail steps at Uniontown. He came here on Monday evening following the shooting and got out of town the next night, going to Pittsburgh. During the day he remained under cover near Connelville. He returned Thursday, and stayed long enough to get shaved and then started to Dunbar, returning to the lower yards here, a mile above town, and caught a train for Rockwood.

State May Erect Bridge. Citizens at Brownsville will urge the Pennsylvania State Highway Department to take up the matter of a free bridge over the Monongahela there. The old bridge is a part of the National Pike which has been under the State Department and it is figured out that it is the State's duty now to provide the new bridge.

Bears Near Berlin. Two black bears made their appearance on the premises of Robert Kosel, near Berlin, last week. They got away after a hot chase by several farmers.

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Two Railroad Men Hurt in Accident On Balto. & Ohio at Adams Station.

Three new patients were admitted to the Cottage State hospital over Sunday. H. G. Robb, a B. & O. brakeman, and R. W. Kimmel, a B. & O. conductor, were injured in a railroad accident yesterday morning at Adams Station. Robb's condition is serious. The men were unloading a car in the yard when another train backed into the train on which the injured men were working. A car ran over Robb's legs, the right one being so badly smashed that it was amputated at the hospital above the knee. He is suffering from shock and loss of blood.

Kimmel sustained a sprained and bruised back. Both men are married. Robb is 26 years old and resides at Fredens, Pa. Kimmel is 35 years old and lives at Wells Creek.

C. A. Durbin of South Connelville, was admitted Saturday night for treatment of an infection of the left leg resulting from a bullet wound. Durbin met with the accident some time ago and has been growing worse.

Frank McKelvey Had a Narrow Escape, Suffering Painful Injuries This Morning.

Frank McKelvey, of the Ohio Lumber Company, had a narrow escape from being seriously injured Monday when he was caught in a shaft in the saw mill at Ohio. He sustained two fractured ribs in his left side and a bruised back. He was brought to Connelville and admitted to the Cottage State hospital where his injuries were attended to. Mr. McKelvey is well known in Connelville.

Going to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cooley will leave next week for a visit of several months in the South. They will go first to Jacksonville, Fla., and will look around, making that their headquarters. If they like that part of the country and the climate agrees with Mr. Cooley they will locate there next fall.

Lewis Fee, the section foreman who identified the fugitive, at one time attended school when Smith was teaching. He and M. M. Malone made the capture, assisted by J. L. Malone, F. L. Curtis, C. E. Haddell and G. Frank Emery. Fee and Malone brought the man to jail. They had followed him in a light engine which came along some time after Smith asked Fee the way to Morgantown. Smith said then he was on his way to Uniontown, in-

On the night of the "trouble," as he referred to it, Smith crossed the country between Brownfield and Hutchinson and went up on the mountain. He remained there until the next evening, when he walked into Uniontown, intending to surrender. He went as far as the jail door but changed his mind. He walked to the Baltimore & Ohio depot at the town clock struck 8 o'clock and caught a freight train to Connelville. He went on to Pittsburg and then came back to Connelville. It was at this time he went into a barber shop and was shaved. He had his beard and mustache shaved off. He then went to Dunbar, but returned to Connelville and took a freight to Rockwood. From there he went to Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and continued to Harpersburg, the county seat of Rockingham county, Virginia. From there he went to Wheeling, Sunday night he was in Fairmont and Grafton and Monday he spent between Morgantown and Beechwood. He was headed towards Morgantown when he met Fee.

Somerset Man Accused. James K. Man of near Connelville is accused of a heinous offense by his granddaughter Mary Johnson, aged 13 years of near Republic, this county. He is under arrest in Somerset county.

Verdict of Second Degree. Frank Herman was convicted at Waynesburg last week of murder in the second degree for killing Calvin House at Rice Landing. It developed that House attacked Herman's wife and had stolen a sum of money from him.



## QUICK TIME IS MADE IN COURT.

Number of Small Cases Disposed of in Short Order Yesterday.

## CONVICTIONS ARE SCARCE

Juries Show Tendency to Put Costs on Prosecutors—Mistaken Arson Case Ends for Defense—List is Being Cleared Rapidly.

UNIONTOWN, March 16.—A number of small cases came up for trial in court this morning and were disposed of rapidly. John Hoover and Mollie Hoover, his wife, were accused of assault and battery on James West, aged 70, and George West, his son. The parties all come from Brownsville and the trouble started in a neighborly quarrel. It is alleged that Hoover struck James West with a stone when the son interfered and got him down. Mrs. Hoover is alleged to have taken the argument at this point. The case went to the jury at noon.

Robert Davenport was put on trial for sending threatening letters through the mail to William Hoggett, who had discharged him. County Detective Frank McLaughlin appears as prosecutor.

William Florence was found guilty in two cases of assault and battery preferred against him by Joe Szanye and Joe Luttrair. Andy Lucas was found guilty for violating the mining laws by passing a danger signal with an open lamp, the jury not agreeing with his tale of being lost in the mine. Mine Inspector J. P. Bell was the prosecutor.

Mike Vuchibich was put on trial for assault and battery with intent to ravish Annie Solik, aged 17. Frank Solik, father of the girl, appeared as prosecutor. The incident occurred in Uniontown on January 31. The defendant was acquitted and costs split. Lemont was the basis of Elmer Stout's trial for assault and battery on Thomas King. Stout was acquitted and the costs divided.

Milton Andrews was also tried this morning. He is charged by Captain E. S. Russell of the P. & C. with stealing brass from cars on January 8. He was acquitted.

Aaron Rodney and Louis Miller, charged with arson in connection with the Masontown fire, were both acquitted by order of the court. The evidence against them was purely circumstantial and the court ruled that there was not sufficient testimony to warrant a different verdict.

At noon the jury retired on the case of Charles Webster, charged with feloniously cutting Sam Lewis in Uniontown on December 3. Lewis was badly slashed. Webster was convicted.

The prosecution of James S. Wingrove, the Builskin township school teacher, for removing the works from an organ and otherwise committing assault and battery on the case, was called this afternoon. L. V. Yotbers is the prosecutor. This case is attracting considerable interest and a large number of witnesses have been summoned.

James Webb, charged with larceny, and Mollie Webb, of larceny and receiving stolen goods, were placed on trial this afternoon.

UNIONTOWN, March 15.—John Martin and Frank Daley, the "yeggmen" arrested by Special Officer John Deemph of the Pennsylvania railroad, were given stiff sentences by Judge Umbel today after being convicted for carrying concealed weapons. Both are fined \$500 and go to the workhouse for a year. Judge Umbel said he wished he could send them for five years, but gave them the limit allowed by law. Martin asked to be sent to the penitentiary, but Judge Umbel preferred the works for them.

Ernest Pecone, convicted of a paternity charge, was directed to pay the costs, give the girl \$20 and pay her \$10 a week to support the child. John Uhrin, convicted of desertion, was directed to pay half the costs. J. L. Smith, convicted of carrying a gun, received the usual \$75 fine or 1 month to jail sentence.

Frank Sullivan and John Kane, accused of larceny from the person and robbery, were acquitted.

Elmer B. Whaley pleaded guilty to dodging a board bill owing Mrs. E. Richardson. A jury is out in the case of H. Nicolson, accused of paternity by Florence Coleman.

Jacob E. Messinger has instituted equity proceedings against the West Penn Electric Company to secure a specific performance of contract. Messinger says the company refuses to furnish him with electric lights at 50 per cent. less than the Connellsville rate, as agreed to do in 1902 when it secured a right of way across the farm of George Atkinson. Messinger bought the Atkinson place.

A number of small cases were taken up in court yesterday afternoon and this morning. The prosecution of Aaron Rodney and Louis Miller, alleged incendiaries of Masontown, was continued this morning owing to the failure of the defendant's witnesses to appear. The prosecution closed its case yesterday afternoon.

The prosecution of L. W. Porter for assault and battery was taken up before Judge Van Swearingen. R. J. Baker, a brother-in-law, is prosecuting Porter for pulling Mrs. Porter's hair and slugging her with a poker. The parties bail from L. Zerne township.

Before Judge Umbel John Uhrin was placed on trial for deserting and

failing to support Maude Uhrin, his wife. The case quickly went to the jury.

The prosecution of Adam Brown and W. C. A. Brown of Everson for larceny and receiving stolen goods, ended quickly when the indictment was quashed. J. A. S. Livengood, the prosecutor, looked up the store room he rented to W. C. A. Brown and then went to law when Adam Brown, who owned the barber chair contained in the room, let W. C. A. Brown crawl through a window and remove the property. Livengood will pay the costs.

A jury is out in the case of J. L. Smith of South Connellsville, charged with carrying concealed weapons. County Detective McLaughlin is the prosecutor.

John Horwat, charged with stealing a coal pick, was found not guilty and William Lane, the prosecutor, will pay the costs.

Emet Pecone, charged with paternity, was convicted as soon as the jury saw the child Leona David held up. The parties come from Masontown.

John Rohm, Sr., was acquitted of assault and battery preferred by Margaret Williams and the costs were divided. The court advised a more liberal use of the rod on badly behaved children and less law in the case. Rohm was accused of kicking Mrs. Williams' boy.

George Moreland was acquitted of a desertion charge and the costs were placed on the county. Moreland was the victim of hard luck, the jury thought, and he agreed to take better care of his wife in the future.

Resting of the Court. Attorney T. F. Jones was named master in the divorce suit of Annie H. Hibbs against Benjamin Hibbs. Attorney W. R. Miller was named master in the suit of Thomas Bell against Margaret Bell.

Charles Huey was acquitted of a larceny charge preferred by M. G. Dunaway.

Permission to recommit to the Grand Jury against the prosecution of Milton Andrews by J. Kinabursky for larceny. Kinabursky claims a material witness did not appear before the Grand Jury.

Exceptions to the finding of the court have been filed by the plaintiff in the equity suit of Daniel Chisom against Stern brothers.

Pleas of nolle contendere were entered by John Mayrski, Paul Block and Leonard Leonard.

The prosecution of A. De Polo and others for perjury by A. H. Wallace was continued.

Charles F. Nelson, Bellevernon, filed libel in divorce against John H. Nelson, charging desertion and cruel treatment, also averring that respondent "consumed his earnings by drink."

A divorce is recommended in the report of Attorney Fred Munson, on the suit of Anne Darvall against Delany Darvall, desertion having been charged.

In divorce suit of J. Pennock Murphy against Helen Murphy, the plaintiff filed petition for \$350 counsel fee and expenses with which to defend case.

H. Nicklow was convicted on a paternity charge.

Harry Harrison, a mine foreman, was placed on trial for accepting and soliciting bribes. A Robbitt is prosecutor. A motion to quash the indictment was overruled.

At noon the jury retired on the case of Charles Webster, charged with feloniously cutting Sam Lewis in Uniontown on December 3. Lewis was badly slashed. Webster was convicted.

The prosecution of James S. Wingrove, the Builskin township school teacher, for removing the works from an organ and otherwise committing assault and battery on the case, was called this afternoon. L. V. Yotbers is the prosecutor. This case is attracting considerable interest and a large number of witnesses have been summoned.

James Webb, charged with larceny, and Mollie Webb, of larceny and receiving stolen goods, were placed on trial this afternoon.

UNIONTOWN, March 15.—John Martin and Frank Daley, the "yeggmen" arrested by Special Officer John Deemph of the Pennsylvania railroad, were given stiff sentences by Judge Umbel today after being convicted for carrying concealed weapons. Both are fined \$500 and go to the workhouse for a year. Judge Umbel said he wished he could send them for five years, but gave them the limit allowed by law. Martin asked to be sent to the penitentiary, but Judge Umbel preferred the works for them.

Ernest Pecone, convicted of a paternity charge, was directed to pay the costs, give the girl \$20 and pay her \$10 a week to support the child. John Uhrin, convicted of desertion, was directed to pay half the costs. J. L. Smith, convicted of carrying a gun, received the usual \$75 fine or 1 month to jail sentence.

Frank Sullivan and John Kane, accused of larceny from the person and robbery, were acquitted.

Elmer B. Whaley pleaded guilty to dodging a board bill owing Mrs. E. Richardson. A jury is out in the case of H. Nicolson, accused of paternity by Florence Coleman.

Jacob E. Messinger has instituted equity proceedings against the West Penn Electric Company to secure a specific performance of contract. Messinger says the company refuses to furnish him with electric lights at 50 per cent. less than the Connellsville rate, as agreed to do in 1902 when it secured a right of way across the farm of George Atkinson. Messinger bought the Atkinson place.

A number of small cases were taken up in court yesterday afternoon and this morning. The prosecution of Aaron Rodney and Louis Miller, alleged incendiaries of Masontown, was continued this morning owing to the failure of the defendant's witnesses to appear. The prosecution closed its case yesterday afternoon.

The prosecution of L. W. Porter for assault and battery was taken up before Judge Van Swearingen. R. J. Baker, a brother-in-law, is prosecuting Porter for pulling Mrs. Porter's hair and slugging her with a poker. The parties bail from L. Zerne township.

Before Judge Umbel John Uhrin was placed on trial for deserting and

## Mrs. Moser Visits Husband's Slayer In County Jail

UNIONTOWN, March 16.—Mrs. Evans Moser, accompanied by one of her children, visited the county jail this morning to see B. Frank Smith, the brother who murdered her husband on the night he also killed her father, Stanley Smith, brother of the murderer and Mrs. Moser, was a member of the party.

Smith at first did not recognize his sister, but later talked with her for a short time. Despite her great grief, Mrs. Moser did not display any animosity against her brother. Like other members of the family, she has more pity than censure for him. For several days after the murder Mrs. Moser was dazed by the tragedy, but she is now recovering from the effects of the shock.

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## Petitions To Council For Paving Two Borough Streets

Attorney F. D. Munson is preparing petitions for the paving of Cottage and Murphy avenues, which will be presented to Council if the required number of signatures can be secured. A few years ago the East Murphy avenue property owners had a petition in circulation, and had secured approximately the number required when the petition was "lost."

It is believed that the required two-thirds can be secured to the petition for paving Murphy avenue from Main street to Cottage avenue. The Cottage avenue property owners want the street paved between Fayette street and Murphy avenue. This is a bad stretch of road which, the residents and users of the thoroughfare say, should be paved as soon as possible.

## TWO NEW PATIENTS

Were Received at the Cottage State Hospital Tuesday.

Two new patients are at the Cottage State hospital. James Ruch, an Italian employed by the Washington Coal & Coke Company at Star Junction, has a fracture of the right leg and a bruised back as the result of an accident with which he met while at work Tuesday afternoon.

Thomas Cox of Thompson No. 2 has an infection of the right leg resulting from a sprain which he suffered about two weeks ago.

## BURNED IN EXPLOSION.

Drs. Harry J. Bell and C. W. Springer Have Narrow Escape.

UNIONTOWN, March 16.—An explosion of sulphuric acid Monday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock was responsible for a small blaze in the stable of Dr. C. W. Springer in East Church street.

The explosion took place in the cellar while Drs. Springer and H. J. Bell were doing some experimenting and both doctors had their faces somewhat singed, necessitating medical attention.

## L. H. CONKLIN'S NEW POSITION.

Will Be General Manager of Merged Lines in Ohio and Indiana.

L. H. Conklin, formerly with the West Penn and later manager of the Scranton Electric Company, goes to Indianapolis to consummate the merger of several electric lines in Ohio, which merger is financed by Brooks & Company of Scranton. Mr. Conklin will be the general manager of the merged companies with headquarters in New York.

## BULLDOG SHOT.

Pugnacious Spirit of Canine Snuffed Out by Policeman's Pistol.

There was excitement on South Pittsburgh street Tuesday afternoon when the big white bulldog supposed to belong to Dr. J. H. Edwards got into a fight with another canine. Officer Thomas McDonald separated the dogs and shot the bulldog.

The police have been looking for this dog for some time past, as it has a bad record.

## County Commissioners Pay Reward For the Capture of Frank Smith.

UNIONTOWN, Mar. 16.—The County Commissioners this morning paid over the \$500 reward offered for the apprehension of B. Frank Smith. M. M. Malone, one of the captors, came to Uniontown with the release signed by all the claimants and the money was turned over.

Speaking to a representative of The Courier, Mr. Malone stated that he and Lewis Fee will receive \$160 and J. L. Malone, S. L. Curtis, C. E. Radcliffe and G. Frankenberg will get \$50 each. This was the division agreed upon among the men and is satisfactory to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Langley stated this morning that when Malone and Fee

## GOOD WORK DONE AT STUBBORN FIRE.

Men Under Chief Mitchell Kept Loss Down to Minimum Tuesday.

## GROCERY STORE IS ABLAZE

Sparks & Adams Are the Losers, But Damage is Mostly From Smoke. Loss in Store Room Practically Nothing—Flour Escapes.

Fighting a stubborn fire the newly organized fire company made a splendid record against flames which for a time threatened to do serious damage to the Arlington apartment building Tuesday afternoon. The damage is small. The smoke was so dense that for a time the firemen could make but little progress. They worked for more than an hour before the fire was wholly extinguished.

It was about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon that the fire ignited around the oil pump in Sparks & Adams' store in the Arlington building. The cause is not known. Those in the store at the time used sacks to smother the flames, driving the fire into the cellar. The fire department responded promptly and when the men arrived the store room was filled with a dense smoke. By the use of face masks the firemen penetrated far enough in the store to find that but little fire was on the first floor. Under direction of Chief J. W. Mitchell the chemical hose was used and quickly extinguished this blaze.

The cellar, however, was a seething furnace for a time. The fire got past the oil tank, which had been recently filled, and worked its way through an air hole into the point bin. Two lines of hose were played on this blaze, one through a hole cut in the floor and the other by way of the cellar door. The water soon put the fire under control and the rest was easy.

The smoke which filled the grocery store also spread to other parts of the same building. H. P. Barkley's drug store suffered to some extent in this manner while the apartments of the building were smoked.

L. F. Ruth, owner of the building, stated this morning that his loss will exceed Wednesday that his loss will exceed Wednesday. The loss to Sparks & Adams will also be small. This was confined to the basement.

Mr. Adams said: "We cannot help but praise the local department for its work in fighting this fire. It was a great temptation to cut loss with a hose in the store room, and had this been done hundreds of dollars of goods would have been damaged. Several baskets of orders which had been filled were not disturbed, and as soon as the smoke cleared away we were able to resume business."

L. F. Ruth, who owns the building, also spoke highly of the fire department. He said:

"The boys did good work and did not heed foolish advice to smash plate glass windows and use a hose where it could only have damaged the property without putting out the fire. Another thing I want to mention is the quiet way the boys went after it. There was practically no noise among the firemen. The smoke was hard on them, but they worked faithfully."

Chief Mitchell said Wednesday:

"We owe much to the efficient work of the volunteers, especially those from the West Side. There was a good turnout of the volunteer departments and the men worked hard. The men on the paid list also did excellent work. I am glad our work pleased those most deeply interested. It was our first fire but the new men worked like veterans."

## QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

Verdict of Acquittal in Larceny Case From Connellsville.

UNIONTOWN, March 16.—The question of ownership of goods dropped out in the prosecution of Andy Swartz by J. S. Bryner, charged larceny. Judge R. E. Umbel, before whom the case was tried, instructed a verdict of acquittal.

Swartz moved on the Bryner farm in Connellsville township. Swartz desired to purchase the place and negotiations were pending. Bryner testified that he reserved corn, hay, fruits, etc., but that Swartz appropriated them. The prosecutor said the defendant claimed them as his own. The court soon gave binding instructions for the defendant.

## CENSUS APPOINTMENTS.

Thomas W. Keighley Special Agent Instead of Fred C. Keighley.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Representative Cooper was notified by the Census Bureau yesterday that the following had been appointed special agents to take the census of manufacturers: Albert G. Crago of Waynesburg, for Greene county; M. E. Townsend for the Connellsville district of Fayette county; Thomas W. Keighley for the Uniontown district of Fayette county.

is Making God Time.

Contractor Bernard O'Connor is making good time excavating for the new addition to the High School.

A New Sheet Mill.

The Board of Trade of Wheeling, W. Va., is getting a new sheet mill which will cost a half million dollars.

## D. S. Aultman's Birthday Was A Smoky One

SCOTSDALE, March 11.—The birthday anniversary of Daniel S. Aultman, a veteran mining engineer with the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and who is widely known in both regions, was celebrated in unique style at Scottdale yesterday, the entire engineering office for Chief Engineer J. P. K. Miller down to the messengers taking part.

In the morning D. S. casually remarked that he was feeling pretty fine for his 64th milestone, and the one to whom he mentioned the fact remarked that Dan ought to get them up. "By jinks, I feel good enough to set up the smokes," answered Daniel.

But his fellowworkers beat him to it. The word was passed quietly around the big office from floor to floor and the result was some hurried trips out to neighboring stores.

As a consequence the whole force accumulated enough tobacco and the tools to destroy it with to keep the genial Daniel in a state of tobacco combustion for some weeks to come and to treat all his friends when they want to borrow. There were six different brands of chewing tobacco, eight different kinds of tobies, four brands of cigars, and all the varieties of smoking tobacco that is used about the place, with numerous corns and clay pipes, and several boxes of matches. One frivolous youth bought a package of cigarettes as his contribution, but he was frowned on for intruding so on a man's enjoyment. Daniel was almost overcome by the flood of tokens and good wishes, but had the presence of mind to set up the tobacco to everybody present.

Then he bought a market basket and filled it full with what tobacco and plunder was left and called for his market street home, whistling, "When the Clouds Shall Roll Away." A report was circulated in the evening that the tobacco trust had declared an extra dividend.

## Better Service On Lake Erie This Spring

Efforts will be made to secure better train service on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad when the spring schedule goes into effect next May. The attempts to secure a couple of extra trains between here and Pittsburgh failed last fall because the motor was not taken up until after the schedule had been decided upon.

Since the consolidation of Connellsville and New Haven there has been increased patronage on the Lake Erie and the afternoon train to Pittsburgh is carrying a greater number of passengers. Especially is this true on Sundays. The three coaches of this train are usually crowded when it leaves here at 3 o'clock.

A train leaving here about noon for Pittsburgh is greatly desired by the traveling public and efforts will be made to have the Lake Erie inaugurate this service.

## Trans Allegheny Is Open Again To The Public

The Trans Allegheny Hotel on Water street famous as one of the old time hostleries in Connellsville is again open to the public. Furnished new from attic to cellar the new proprietor Samuel M. Goodman yesterday opened the hotel for business and served upwards of 50 people at dinner and supper. For the past year the house has had no license, but application has been made at the coming session of license court.

The Trans Allegheny is now exceedingly well equipped for the transient trade. There has always been a place for the Trans Allegheny in the hotel business of Connellsville and scores of old patrons welcome its reopening under the proprietorship of Mr. Goodman.

## STRIKE AVERTED

Firemen and Railroad Managers Will Arbitrate Their Differences.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In the trouble between the railways operating west of Chicago and their firemen and engineers, Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Dr. Charles F. Neill, commissioner of labor, have accepted the request of both sides to act as mediators.

## Peary's Smile Is Not Enough To Prove He Discovered North Pole.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16.—After flatly refusing to introduce Commander R. E. Peary who lectures here to day, Governor J. M. Brown gave out an interview in which he denounced Peary as a faker and defended Dr. Cook Governor Brown said:

"What proof does Peary bring to his own words? Cook brings the same and as good. If Cook has handed us a gold brick Peary has handed us a paste diamond."

It is up to Peary to explain how Cook's story can be false and his identical story can be true. The American people will not accept his smile as proof that he is not as great a faker as he charges Cook to be.

## SUMMARY CONVICTION.

Superior Court Asked to Pass on Point in Game Laws.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 16.—The Superior Court yesterday was asked to pass upon the meaning of the term "summary conviction" in violations of the game and fish laws. The appeal is the first to be made to a higher court upon a point raised in a law involving hundreds of cases and in every county in the State in the last few years.

The appeal was made by the Commonwealth from the decision of Judge James W. Shull of the Perry county court. C. A. Spotts of Perry county was arrested last year on a charge of violating the law regulating fish boxes. The information was made by J. W. Criswell, chief fish warden and the magistrate dismissed the case.

The Commonwealth asked an appeal to the quarter sessions court, but it was denied by Judge Shull who held that the term "summary conviction" meant a conviction. The State claimed that the words were simply a term for a legal proceeding and not necessarily a conviction. The argument for the State was made by Deputy Attorney William M. Hargest. The appeal was not represented.

The decision of the court will have a far reaching effect in all suits for violation of the fish, game, food and other laws in which summary conviction has hitherto played a part.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

Miss Minnie Feldstein and Ben Marsowitz, Both of Uniontown.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Minnie Feldstein and Ben Marsowitz, both of Uniontown. The marriage was solemnized Sunday evening at the home of M. W. Platt in Uniontown. Rev. G. W. Gorman, of Connellsville officiated. An elaborately appointed wedding dinner followed the ceremony.

About 150 guests were present. The bride is a sister of M. H. Feldstein of Connellsville and is well known here.

Additions to Law Library. The Fayette county law library this week received additions of 999 volumes.

## A Prize Hog Is Raised At Vanderbilt

Isaac Wolf, a Vanderbilt farmer came to town on Tuesday with the prize hog of the season which he sold to H. L. Sisco, the South Pittsburgh street butcher. The hog weighed nearly 700 pounds, before it was dressed, and topped the scales at 568 pounds when it was ready for pork chops.

Incidentally Mr. Sisco secured a rare bargain when he handed over \$125.00 for his hogship. This was at the rate of 12 cents a pound, dressed. The price quoted in Pittsburgh on Tuesday for live hogs is from \$11.70 to \$11.20 a hundred pounds.

The hog was 20 months old at the time of slaughter. The breed is Chester White and the hog was the pride of the Wolf farm. Mr. Wolf has other pigs on his place but none yet ready for market. Most of them are shoats and Mr. Wolf hopes they will develop as well as the giant he sold Tuesday morning.

## New Officers Are Elected By The Elks

The annual election of Connellsville Lodge No. 301, B. P. O. E., was held Monday evening. Raymond L. Ryan was elected Exalted Ruler, succeeding J. B. Millard who has been Exalted Ruler of the lodge for the past two years.

The other officers elected are: Entered Apprentice Knight, H. H. Hartington; Exalted Ruler, Harry Hopkins; Lecturing Knight, Wm. H. Collins; Secretary, C. R. Carpenter; Treasurer, E. H. Kintner; Trustee, S. M. Goodman; Tiler, W. E. DeLoe; and a committee to Grand Lodge, James B. Millard; Alternate, T. T. Donegan.

The lodge voted to give a benefit performance next month.

## NAME IS CHANGED.

Owensdale Again Name of Postoffice at Summit Mines.

OWENSDALE, March 15.—(Special.) The postoffice at Summit Mines at Owensdale, will again be changed back to Owensdale. Its former name, which was changed by the railroad officials some months ago by Postmaster Allen Schellenberger, and signed by a number of citizens and forwarded to the Postoffice Department to have the postoffice name changed from Summit Mines to Owensdale.

This change will not be legally in effect until the last of April, although many citizens have been waiting for it. Owensdale was scratched from the map and wondered if Owensdale was at Summit Mines or whether Summit Mines was at Owensdale.

The fourth week of civil court at Greensburg this week has 35 cases listed for trial.

Westmoreland Civil Court.

Anna Belle Gennas. Little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gennas, died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence No. 404 Council avenue. The child developed a severe cold a few days ago. Pneumonia resulted and death followed shortly afterwards. Deceased was aged 2 years and three months.

William Beatty. SMITHFIELD, March 14.—(Special.) Undertaker J. R. Vance and son, Omer, were in Court last Sunday conducting the funeral of William Beatty, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home there Friday, and was buried in the Fletcher cemetery north. He was 74 years of age and died on Monday.

Funeral of Giovanni Nevio. The body of Giovanni Nevio, the Italian who died Wednesday night at the Catholic hospital, was removed Tuesday morning from the funeral home to the funeral home at 14th and 15th streets.

Death of an Infant. An infant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNamee, died at an early hour Tuesday morning at the family residence on Raleigh avenue. Interment was made this afternoon in Hill Grove cemetery.

## SCOTSDALE STORE IS GONE THROUGH.

Daring Robber Ascends to Roof By the Fire Escape.

## CUTS GLASS FROM SKYLIGHT

Lets Himself Down Into Miller Bros. Store and Takes a Man's and a Woman's Outfit, a Suit Case and Gets Out by Rope.

SCOTSDALE, March 16.—One of the most daring and well-planned robberies ever executed in town was done last night when a burglar went to the roof of the Miller clothing store on Pittsburgh street, cut through the glass in the skylight, dropped down onto the floor below, and then went through the clothing store. He reached the roof on the three-story building by going up the fire escape, and after a choice selection of goods tied a rope, taken from the basement, onto a table in a room in the second story, dropped the rope onto the window and slid down it to the ground, Miss B. Cautley's lot being where he landed.

The plunder was let down by the rope to the ground and was either bundled together and untied after the burglar made his descent or he may have had a confederate on the ground.

A man's suit, a woman's complete outfit, an overcoat, and a suit case and some shoes were all that the Miller Brothers could notice as missing this morning, when they discovered the robbery. All the goods taken were of the best quality to be found in the house.

Thus far there has been no clew discovered to the perpetrator of the robbery, which is the first of the kind in town for many months.

Deaths.







## COAL VALUATION IN WESTMORELAND.

County Commissioners Boost  
Connellsville Vein \$300  
An Acre.

PLACE IT AT ONE THOUSAND

Protest Will Likely Be Made by the  
Coke and Coal Operators—An Ad-  
vance Also Made in the Latrobe  
Vein Valuation

The owners of coal lands through-  
out Westmoreland county were shocked  
yesterday when the County Com-  
missioners announced that they had  
determined on another increase in the  
valuation of coal for taxation pur-  
poses for the next three years the  
valuations as fixed representing a  
marked advance over those which  
have prevailed for the past three years.  
The increases in the valuations as de-  
termined upon by the County Com-  
missioners are as follows:

Connellsville coal from \$50 to \$70  
per acre.  
Greensburg basin from \$30 to \$40  
per acre.  
Latrobe and Derby from \$30 to \$40  
per acre.  
Irwin basins from \$30 to \$40  
per acre.  
Franklin townships from \$30 to \$40  
per acre.

As will be seen the Connellsville  
vein is the highest but the increase  
being more than \$200. This vein is  
reckoned as ending at Latrobe, the  
operations to the west of town being  
in the Connellsville field and those  
to the east of town being in the La-  
trobe field.

The above valuations are for the  
coal only. It is said the surface being  
assessed separately.

That the coal land owners will con-  
test the assessments as they did  
three years ago seems most probable.  
Three years ago it will be remembered  
the court found just cause for or-  
dering a reduction in the valuations.

The coal owners are to be given a  
hearing the latter part of the month  
at which time the commissioners will  
listen to the arguments which may be  
presented as to why the valuations  
should be reduced.

The hearing on all coal assessments  
will be held at the Court House in  
Greensburg on Thursday, March 24.

### OPTIONS SECURED.

On 10,000 Acres of Allegheny Coal and  
Coke Ovens Will Be Built

Cleveland capitalists have obtained  
options on more than 10,000 acres of  
valuable coal lands in O'Leary, Indiana  
and Hamilton townships, Allegheny  
county, and will start coke operations  
there on a large scale.

The options it is said include the  
property of the Selwyn Tract estate  
consisting of about 1,000 acres. The  
whole tract is between the Bessemer  
& Lake Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio  
railroads. It is the intention of the  
purchase to build a railroad to con-  
nect both lines and which will run  
through the tract.

Selwyn Tract was a prominent min-  
ing engineer of Pittsburgh. He lost his  
life in the Harwick mine disaster  
while trying to save the lives of men  
imprisoned in the works. He ac-  
quired the coal property shortly be-  
fore his death.

During the last few weeks Cleveland  
capitalists have had representative  
surveying the territory adjoining the  
Taylor estate holdings of which the  
previous secured control. Options  
on farm lands were obtained for about  
\$125 an acre.

Edward F. Noble a Pittsburgh attor-  
ney, is said to be the main representa-  
tive of the Cleveland syndicate. Engi-  
neers who have been making surveys  
report that there is a seven foot vein  
of coal running through the entire  
optioned.

### WANT DISSOLUTION

Cochran Coal & Coke Company of  
Dawson Make Application

UNIONTOWN, March 11.—A peti-  
tion was presented today to a dis-  
solution of the Cochran Coal & Coke  
Company of Dawson and April 12 at 10 o'clock, was set a time of hear-  
ing. The petitioners have no debts  
or liabilities and all its assets have  
been distributed among the stockhold-  
ers.

The charter was granted to the peti-  
tioning company August 16, 1899 with  
a capital stock of \$250,000 divided into  
1,000 shares fully paid up.

All the taxes due on that may be  
due has been paid or will be paid be-  
fore the hearing. M. M. Cochran is  
President and John H. Wirtz, Sec-  
retary of the company whose business is  
mining and shipping coal and the  
manufacture of coke.

### WASHINGTON COAL SALE

J. V. Thompson Buys 168 Acres for  
\$300 An Acre

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 10.—  
J. V. Thompson the Union town capital-  
ist closed a deal in Franklin town-  
ship yesterday for two acres of coal  
land at \$300 an acre. The land was  
sold by William F. Indick.

This land is claimed by experts to  
be especially rich in iron ore. It is  
situated for mining. A Cleveland syndicate  
is negotiating for 1,000 acres of coal  
land adjoining the Thompson purchase  
and the belief is that a new coal town  
will grow up in the district.

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### INSPECTORS' REPORTS

Of Coal and Coke Produced in Second  
and Twentieth Districts

Chauncey B. Ross, a former Fayette  
mine inspector of the Second Dis-  
trict of Pennsylvania has sub-  
mitted his annual report as fol-  
lows:

Number of mines 7  
Number of men in operation 14  
Number of tons of coal shipped  
per month 17,000  
Number of tons used in mines  
for steam and heat 100  
Number of tons sold to the  
trade and used by employees 147  
Number of tons used in the  
number of tons of coke  
Number of tons of coke pro-  
duced 4,600  
Number of coke ovens 807  
Number of coke ovens in op-  
eration 174  
Number of tons of coal produc-  
ed by pick mining 649,580  
Number of tons produced by  
compressed air machines 665  
Number of tons produced by  
electric machines 71,100  
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in the mines 7,028  
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ers 9,000  
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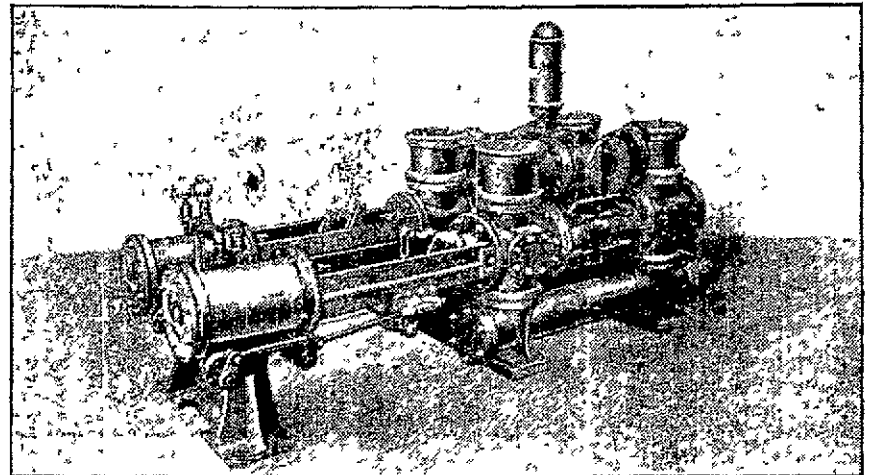
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